

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Twice Amended) A facsimile machine comprising:

a printer unit for printing out data having a predetermined format; and

interface means, coupled to said printer unit, for converting facsimile image data into recording data having a format in which said printer unit can input the recording data, and for supplying the recording data to said printer unit, wherein said printer unit comprises:

a printing portion for printing recording data; and

data supply control means, coupled to said interface means and said printer portion, for supplying the recording data from said interface means to said printing portion at predetermined printing intervals, wherein said data supply control means comprises:

input means for inputting a predetermined character data at the predetermined printing intervals;

gate means for gating the recording data from said interface means so that the recording data is supplied to said printing portion when the predetermined character data is supplied thereto from said input means; and

signal output means for outputting a control signal when said input means inputs the predetermined character data, the control signal being supplied to said interface means, and said interface means supplying the recording data to said printer unit every time said interface means receives the control signal.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4. (Amended) The facsimile machine as claimed in claim 3 1, wherein the predetermined character data indicates a font having only black dots.

Claim 7. (Amended) The facsimile machine as claimed in claim 3 1, wherein said interface means has loading means for loading the predetermined character data into said printer unit.

Claim 11. A facsimile machine comprising:
a printer unit printing out data supplied thereto; and
an interface, coupled to said printer unit supplying recording data to said printer unit
in a converted format in which said printer unit can receive the recording data;
wherein said printer unit comprises:
a printing portion printing the recording data; and
a data supply controller, coupled to said interface and said printer portion,
supplying the recording data from said interface to said printing portion at
predetermined printing intervals, wherein said data supply controller comprises:
an input receiving a predetermined character data at the predetermined printing
intervals;
a gate gating the recording data so that the recording data from said interface is
supplied to said printing portion when the predetermined character data is supplied
thereto from said input; and
a signal output outputting a control signal when said input inputs the
predetermined character data, the control signal being supplied to said interface, and
said interface supplying the recording data to said printer unit every time said interface
receives the control signal.

Claim 14. The facsimile machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein the predetermined
character data indicates a font having only black dots.

Claim 17. The facsimile machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein said interface loads the predetermined character data into said printer unit.

Claim 19. (Amended) The facsimile machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein said input converts the predetermined character data into black data indicating a font having only black dots, and wherein when the black data is supplied to said gate, the recording data from said interface is supplied to said printing portion via said gate.

Claim 35. The method as claimed in claim 32, wherein in the step of supplying recording data the predetermined character data indicates a font having only black dots.

Claim 38. The method as claimed in claim 32, wherein said step of converting facsimile image data loads the predetermined character data into said printer unit.